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**Commissioner Kristin Jacobs
Broward County Governmental Center
115 South Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315**

Dear Commissioner Jacobs:

The Broward County Medical Association's Board of Directors voted on Thursday, October 23, 2014 to support an Ordinance to ban the sale of Kratom in Broward County and add Kratom to the existing banned substance in Broward County.

Kratom behaves as a μ -opioid receptor agonist like morphine and is used in the management of chronic pain, as well as recreationally. Therefore it is a narcotic just like oxycodone and morphine. The fact that the DEA has not scheduled Kratom yet is irrelevant, since they consider it a drug of concern and will eventually place it in schedule 1; reserved for highly abusable drugs with no medicinal benefit.

Thank you for calling this to our attention. We are happy to support your initiative.

Sincerely,

**Sanford M. Silverman, M.D., DABAM, DABPM
President**